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## First Responders Help State Recover from Deadly Tornadoes

Kentucky experienced one of the worst tornado outbreaks in its modern-day history on March 2. At least 24 citizens died and hundreds were injured in the deadly paths of destruction that also caused widespread property damage including a number of communities that were completely destroyed.

Several agencies that have been awarded State Homeland Security Grants through the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security were among the first responders to the 17 counties hit by the tornadoes.

- The Kentucky Fire Commission dispatched its four interoperable communication trailers to some of the hardest-hit regions, providing officials in some of the storm-damaged locales the ability to effectively communicate both within and outside their areas.
- Louisville and Lexington's Urban Search and Rescue teams responded to West Liberty, which took a devastating



hit from the tornadoes.

- The Bluegrass Emergency Response Team deployed 14 personnel to aid three people trapped in the Morgan County Courthouse. KOHS-funded resources included a collapse trailer and equip-

ment from the Lexington Fire Department along with a BERT trailer with collapse and hazmat equipment, a Gator all-terrain unit, and a Delsar listening device.

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## Lt. Gov. Jerry Abramson Meets with KOHS Staff, Tours Facility



Lt. Gov. Jerry Abramson visited the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security on Feb. 17 as part of an orientation to become familiar with various agencies in state government.

Lt. Gov. Abramson talked to staff in the grants, external affairs, and intelligence divisions about their duties and responsibilities. He received an intelligence briefing from Deputy Executive Director Shelby Lawson.

The former Louisville mayor also toured the Kentucky Intelligence Fusion Center, which is administered by KOHS.

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First responders from across the state participated in a teleconference course addressing fundamentals associated with emergency response to biological incidents. Participants took part in the program simultaneously at Kentucky Community and Technical College campuses in Paducah, Ashland, Owensboro, Elizabethtown and Florence on Jan. 19. The course was sponsored by KOHS, Kentucky Fire Commission, and The Center for Rural Development and conducted by the National Center for Biomedical Research and Training at LSU.

## New Radios Give Hurstbourne Acres Police Key Connections Against Crime

Hurstbourne Acres Police Department in Jefferson County is getting positive results from interoperable radios purchased from a State Homeland Security Grant.

There have been four critical incidents involving HAPD that ended favorably because of the new equipment, according to Chief **Christian Redman**.



They include:

- A robbery suspect captured without incident because five agencies involved in the search were able to directly communicate with each other.
- Real-time intelligence was critical in the arrest of a suspect involved in the shooting of an officer as law enforcement officers were able to talk directly to one another.
- The pursuit of suspects that involved six agencies across three counties and ended successfully in Indiana as the

officers were able to communicate in real time.

- HAPD was called to a business on a possible active shooter/mass casualty scene. Because real-time information had to be relayed dispatch to dispatch, a critical incident was averted.

"I have been in law enforcement for over 20 years," Redman said. "We are, at this time, better equipped to handle critical incidents and real-time intelligence than ever before. I have never seen it so dangerous for frontline officers."

Before the new equipment, HAPD officers either had to rely on a dispatcher or use a cell phone to contact other agencies, sometimes resulting in critical information being lost in transmission.

"Without support from the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security, securing the equipment necessary to get my officers home safe would be impossible," Redman said.



### Contributing Agencies:

Kentucky Office of Homeland Security  
 U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
 Kentucky State Police Intelligence  
 FBI Louisville Division  
 Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives  
 U.S. Secret Service  
 Kentucky Transportation Cabinet  
 Kentucky State Police Headquarters Communications  
 Lexington Division of Police  
 Kentucky Department of Corrections  
 Kentucky Army National Guard  
 U.S. Coast Guard  
 Kentucky Fire Commission

**Mission Statement:** It is the mission of the Hurstbourne Acres Police Department to provide safe and efficient police services to the citizens of the City of Hurstbourne Acres in a dedicated, compassionate and professional manner.



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- Six personnel responded with the BERT trailer to London to assist in the recovery and cleanup efforts. The trailer is equipped with chain and pole saws, and generators.
- The Lexington Fire Department sent

its mass casualty ambulance bus to Mount Sterling, where it was placed into operation for receiving injured civilians from West Liberty, Salyersville, and Frenchburg.

- The Owen County Life Squad crews used a generator, acquired through KOHS funding, to maintain all neces-

sary operations during a 22-hour power outage caused by the storms.

- Most of the first responders, including 16 from the Louisville and Lexington USAR teams, had received National Incident Management System and search and rescue training through KOHS and Urban Areas Security Initiative funding.

## Turner Named Special Agent in Charge of FBI's Louisville Division

**Perrye K. Turner** has been named special agent in charge of the FBI's Louisville Division. The announcement was made Feb. 27 by FBI Director **Robert S. Mueller III**.

Turner, a native of Shreveport, La., most recently served as deputy assistant director of the Information Technology Engineering Division at FBI headquarters in Washington.

## Conferences, Training, Etc.

**March 13-14** — Enhanced Threat and Risk Assessment, Louisville

**March 13-14** — FBI "The Highway Serial Killings Initiative," Nashville, Tenn.

**March 19-20** — Arresting Communication: Advanced Interaction Skills for Street and Career Survival, Evansville, Ind.

**March 19-23** — Foundations of Intelligence Analysis Training, Frankfort

**March 20** — Hospital and Health Care Workplace Violence: Readiness, Response, and Recovery Training, Louisville

**March 20-22** — Drug Law Enforcement Training Program, Nashville, Tenn.

**March 26-30** — Vulnerability, Threat and Risk Assessment, Frankfort

**March 27-28** — Financial Investigative Techniques, Nashville, Tenn.

**April 10-12** — National Rx Drug Abuse Summit, Orlando, Fla.

**April 11** — Extreme Violence in the Workplace: Trends and Best Practices, Louisville

**April 24** — Intellectual Property Crime, Nashville, Tenn.

**April 30-May 3** — Principles of Intelligence Writing and Briefing, Frankfort

**April 30-May 4** — Basic Narcotics Investigator, Evansville, Ind.

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Information about these events and other activities for law enforcement is available to subscribers of the Homeland Security Information Network. To learn about HSIN, visit [www.dhs.gov/HSIN](http://www.dhs.gov/HSIN) or contact Shelby Lawson, KOHS deputy executive director of operations, at [Shelby.Lawson@ky.gov](mailto:Shelby.Lawson@ky.gov).



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## Green River CCC Offers Vital Services for First Responders

Six years ago, twenty-seven people met in the Green River Area Development District boardroom to organize what was to become the Green River Regional Citizen Corps Council.

Its mission was to follow the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's vision of harnessing the power of every individual through education, training, and volunteer service to make communities safer, stronger, and better prepared to respond to terrorism, crime and public health concerns.

The area development district encompasses seven counties – Daviess, Hancock, Henderson, McLean, Ohio, Union, and Webster.

GRRCC is comprised of five component programs, several affiliate agencies and other organizations and activities that promote citizen preparedness and community involvement. The primary programs are:

- Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) educates citizens about disaster preparedness by train-



ing them in basic response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, disaster medical operations, terrorism, disaster psychology, organization, and documentation. There are five counties participating in the program, with more than 1,300-trained volunteers.

- Fire Corps promotes the use of citizen volunteers to enhance the administrative resources of volunteer, career and combined fire and rescue departments. They provide activities such as community fire safety outreach, youth sponsorship, fund raising, and administrative support.

- Neighborhood Watch/USA on Watch (NHW) incorporates terrorism awareness into its existing crime-prevention mission and serves as a way to focus community residents on training for an all-hazards approach to emergency preparedness and response. Ohio County has registered 15 units with more than 500 volunteers in its Neighborhood Watch program. Daviess and Henderson counties are pursuing activation of new units.

- Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) programs promote community in-

volvement through the use of medical, public health, and regular layman volunteers who offer their time and expertise during local emergencies. There are nearly 200 active registered volunteers and about 100 inactive volunteers who can be counted on to respond in the event of a disaster.

- Volunteers in Police Service works to enhance the capacity of state and local law-enforcement organizations to recruit and utilize volunteers.

The number of participants in the three funded component programs – CERT, MRC, and NHW – exceeds 2,100.

“Green River ADD has always done an exemplary job of educating their citizenry and providing emergency volunteer opportunities for those wanting to help. I applaud GRADD’s Citizen Corps Council and **Jud Pomeroy** for their continued work,” said **Aaron Horner**, KOHS deputy executive director for external affairs.

The Kentucky Office of Homeland Security is the funding agency for all regional Citizen Corps councils in the Commonwealth.



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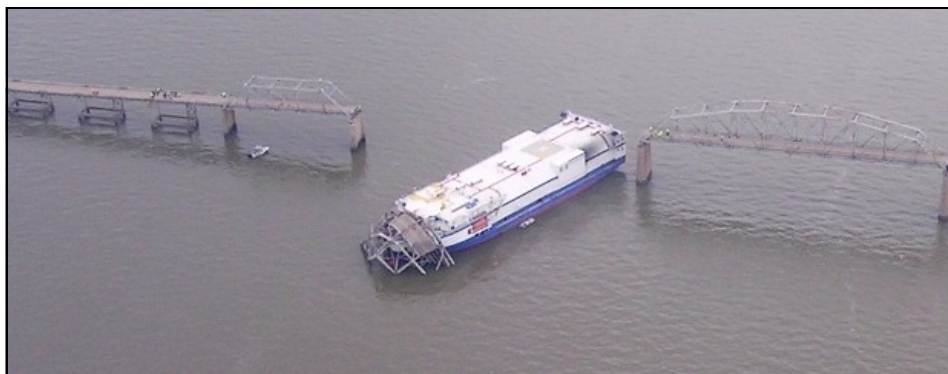
## KOHS Provides Intel Training to Firefighters

Kentucky Office of Homeland Security personnel presented “Intelligence Training for the Fire Service” at the 25th annual Green River Firefighters Association Officers School on Feb. 25 in Lexington.

The class detailed the capabilities of the Kentucky Intelligence Fusion Center and identified recommended actions and guidance to effectively report suspicious activity; the importance of information sharing as an effective tool for firefighters and law enforcement; and the state’s Critical Infrastructure Protection Program.

Kentucky’s fire service, through the efforts of the Kentucky Association of Fire Chiefs, the Kentucky Fire Commission, and KOHS, has taken a proactive approach to protecting citizens and firefighters by having a fire service liaison assigned to the fusion center. **Tom Arnold**, NIMS Compliance and Training Program Coordinator at KOHS, serves as the liaison officer.

## Marshall County, Aurora Units Respond to Bridge Accident



Kentucky Transportation Cabinet



Marshall County Emergency Management

The Marshall County Rescue Squad and Aurora Fire Department assisted the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet personnel after the Eggner's Ferry Bridge in Trigg County was struck by a barge.

Search teams in boats from the AFD and MCRS were quickly on the scene and reported no indication that vehicles were on the bridge at the time of the barge strike on Jan. 26.

The MCRS boat, purchased in 2009-10 with State Homeland Security Grant funds, was also used to assist a KTC repelling team in pier inspections.

The U.S. Coast Guard said the barge did not contain hazardous cargo.

A Kentucky Fire Commission communications trailer was transported to the area for use by first responders.

## Pike and Bullitt Counties Become Part of eWarrants System

The 35<sup>th</sup> Judicial District in Pike County and the 55<sup>th</sup> in Bullitt County are now part of the statewide eWarrants system.

A total of 117 counties are now connected to the eWarrants system. The next scheduled KOHS urban rollout will be 9<sup>th</sup> Judicial District in Hardin County on March 21.

"We are excited to have eWarrants in Pike County and the benefit it will provide to law enforcement and the court system is substantial," said Chief Assistant Pike County Attorney **Tony Chamberlin**. "The efficiency of the service of these warrants will benefit the people of Pike County and allow law enforcement to provide them a better level of protection."

More than 12,000 outstanding bench warrants were imported into eWarrants as part of the implementa-

tion in Pike County.

Bullitt County became part of the system on Jan. 26.

"This is fabulous," Bullitt County Attorney **Monica Meredith Robinson** said. "Justice is no longer delayed----it is instantaneous."

Kentucky's eWarrant system began as a pilot project by KOHS in 2005 to address a backlog of nearly 300,000 unserved and aging warrants in the state. A backlog in the service of warrants, or a misplaced or lost warrant, could allow a person charged with a violent crime to evade arrest and continue to victimize Kentucky citizens.

The eWarrant system facilitates the sharing of information among all law enforcement concerning active warrants in jurisdictions throughout the Commonwealth. It replaces the manual protocols for processing warrant

information with an electronic method for making warrants available via the Law Enforcement Information Network of Kentucky, the system administered by KSP and used by law enforcement to transmit and receive information on active warrants.

Since the first roll out of eWarrants managed by KOHS in 2008, more than 425,000 warrants have either been served or recalled.

Service rates for warrants rose from as low as 10 percent under the old paper-based system to roughly 50 percent immediately after implementation of eWarrants, and now hold steady at as high as 80-plus percent system wide.

The eWarrant program is being offered to the state's rural and urban counties at no cost to local communities.